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TO: FAMILY PACT PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: FAMILY PACT PROGRAM LETTER 05-02:  
FAMILY PACT *CLINICAL PRACTICE ALERTS*  
1. Cervical Cancer Screening  
2. Depo-Provera and Bone Density

The Office of Family Planning (OFP) issues *Clinical Practice Alerts* to provide guidance to Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) providers on current clinical issues. The enclosed alerts have been reviewed by the Family PACT Clinical Practice Committee and are intended to clarify policies on cervical cancer screening as well as the relationship between Depo-Provera and bone density.

These alerts provide an interpretation of Family PACT Program Standards for cervical cancer screening as well as the use of Depo-Provera in current practice. Providers should refer to the Family PACT *Policies, Procedures and Billing Instructions* (PPBI) for the complete text of the standards, official administrative practices and billing information. For the purposes of this and other Family PACT *Clinical Practice Alerts*, the term "shall" indicates a program requirement while the term "should" is advisory and not required.

Please share *Clinical Practice Alerts* with all clinicians providing services to Family PACT clients. Additional copies can be downloaded from our web site [www.familypact.org](http://www.familypact.org). If you have questions or comments, please contact Michael Policar M.D., M.P.H., Chairman, Family PACT Clinical Practice Committee at (916) 650-0414.

Thank you for participating in the Family PACT Program. We hope these *Clinical Practice Alerts* are useful to your practice.

Sincerely,

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